Dear Howard + Jim and Gary 5/12/77

As correspondence enclosed indicates I finally received the latest Secret Service realease in yesterday's mail. It is what they released to Lane except that the release to him was not full and they did not send me all they gave him.

I went over it yesterday and last night, marking those records of interest with a paperclip. I then made copies of these for you and Jim. They weigh a half pound so I'll send yours by third class. I'll give Jim his tomorrow. There are two of which I should have made extra copies for Gary and forgot. I'm taking them from Jim's and will replace them is Jim wants them. These are dated 8/7 and 8/25/64 and relate to what was a special Gary interest, Kara-Patnitsky. The checking seems to have eliminated him as LHO's hospital companion.

Jim will get two or more relating to Bud's pals, so he has seemed to thing, telling the Secret Service he was about to start his committee. I should have made extras for him but forgot. He may have them. If not, if I do not, perhaps Jim will give him copies. If we turn the machine on again today I'll do it.

The machine is a godsend, as Lil says every time she uses it. Her estimate is that we have obtained the return of about $450 of its costs in xeroxing bills saved. In a short period we have made more than 9,000 copies, as Jim is aware! One of the few disadvantages of the machine is a very long warm-up period. So we don't turn it on for a copy of two, having learned also from our 3M service man that unless these lights burn for a while when turned on they expire early.

Generally speaking you can expect more copies when we make copies because Lil has become quite effecient with the machine and it takes so much less time.

I have gone over a couple of these records. When I can I'll be doing memos on others. I think until I have gone over all of them I'll not do any separate filing of these selections. I'm keeping the entire release as I received it to itself. I'll have those pages selected temporarily with it in the event we have further correspondence about it.

If exhibit 350 attracts you attention it is the windshield. However, these records do indicte much of interest, some questions left hanging, etc. Oswald by air from N.O., more on the Commission having had the X-rays shown it, as Kelley told me. A few N.O. leads I do not recall. My attention was attracted to the out-of-date Service Service directive to all its installations saying that the FBI was in Charge. That is dated 12/9/64, coinciding as I recall with CD1. However, LBJ's directive on that was at the latest 11/23. Why the delay? Why on 12/9 when the Commission was in charge? I suspect this coincides with the FBI's complaint over S.S. investigation of the LHO literature in N.O.

Because I have strong disagreements with their uses and their associates' uses I ask Gary not to repeat any of this to tohers. Like the mysterious disappearance of all tape and film of the doctors' press conference, especially on 11/22. I have plans for that. It was an early interest, is in WW and in more detail as late as PM. I also have more that relates to it, some in conjunction with one unknown to any of you.

I plan to cover each set of records separately, in accord with my probable ultimate filing. But I think you'll be able to key them in with no trouble as I supply them later.

You may well see what I do not. If so please let me know.

Sincerely,